

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS  
JTPD MANAGERS

SUBJECT: SDA ADMINISTRATORS' QUARTERLY MEETING SUMMARY

The summary of the December 5, 1997, Service Delivery Area (SDA) Administrators' Quarterly meeting is attached. We are also enclosing the slides from the California Trade and Commerce Agency's Job Creation Investment Fund Grant Program, a summary of Assembly Bill 67, and a fact sheet for California Job Openings Browse System (CalJOBS). If you have any questions regarding the summary, please contact Michelle Haakenson at (916) 654-9815.

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Attachment available on Internet:

1. Service Delivery Area Administrators' Quarterly Meeting, Summary, December 5, 1997

Attachments not available on Internet. To obtain a copy, e-mail JTPD at JTPDLIB@EDD.CA.GOV (subject line should read: "Attachment") or contact Jim Scholl at (916)657-4610.

2. Job Creation Investment Fund Grant Program, California Trade and Commerce Agency
3. Summary of AB 67 Sections Impacting Job Service

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (SDA) ADMINISTRATORS' QUARTERLY MEETING  
SUMMARY  
DECEMBER 5, 1997

**Hot Topics**

Main Points

- Bill Burke announced the Job Training Partnership Division's (JTPD) new web page. An Information Bulletin was sent out containing the web address.
- A Directive regarding the funds utilization policy for Title II-A has been sent out stating that the State will no longer impose a recapture policy for underexpenditure of older worker or summer youth funds.

**Legislative Update, Federal and State**

Main Points

- Keith Lee reported that Congress has adjourned for the holidays and there is nothing new to report with regard to federal legislation.
- Senator DeWine is pushing for hearings on Workforce Development in the Senate, once Congress returns to session next year.
- A Workforce Preparation Conference is scheduled for March 16 through 18, 1998, at the Riviera Hotel in Palm Springs, with an emphasis on collaboration.

**General Update and Welfare-to-Work Panel Discussion**

Main Points

- Kathy Sage said regional coordinators have been selected for the fifteen subcontracts of the School-to-Career funds. A list will be sent out. Requests for Proposals are being developed for a resource clearinghouse and training for local partners.
- All contracts are operational for One-Stop grants.
- The Health and Welfare Agency has the lead for implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 655 (Regional Collaboratives), with funding of \$5 million for three years.

A panel discussion followed with each participant discussing their involvement in Welfare-to-Work activities.

- Michael Back, Department of Social Services, said collaboration dominates all of the meetings being held on Welfare-to-Work.
- Ray Eberhard, California Department of Education (CDE), said the CDE is focused on child care resources. The Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) carryover funds of \$17 million, with additional funds from Congress, will provide \$42 million for California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORK).
- Thelma Scott-Skillman, California Community Colleges, reported that the community colleges have \$81 million for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) services.

- Ms. Zellers discussed the Job Creation Investment Fund grant program which makes \$4.5 million available to counties to develop and implement local job creation strategies to provide employment for CalWORKs program recipients. By formula, each county will receive at least \$50,000 and the largest distribution will be more than \$500,000. Local planning will begin January 1, 1998; SDAs should contact their county administrator if interested in participating in this program. The information provided by Andrea Zellers, Trade and Commerce Agency, is included as an attachment to this summary.

### Decisions/Conclusions

A draft Welfare-to-Work State plan will be developed as soon as key issues have been resolved. At that time, the content of the plan will be shared with the SDA community. The plan deadline of December 12, 1997, will not be met. Local planning instructions will be kept as simple as possible and will be shared with local county welfare offices, SDAs and Private Industry Councils (PIC).

### **Assembly Bill (AB) 67 and CalJOBS**

Jack Padley, Job Service Division, provided an update of AB 67 and the California Job Openings Browse System (CalJOBS). He said name and address suppression for the CalJOBS will be an option available to clients. (See attached handouts on AB 67 and CalJOBS.)

### **Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) 8 Percent Funds**

#### Main Points

Ray Eberhard reported on changes to the JTPA 8 percent program including:

- Budget Act language states that education must be provided in conjunction with occupational training programs for the 50 percent program. Also, local entities will have greater flexibility regarding eligible participants under the new law.
- SB394 specifies that 30 percent of the funds must be used to support activities connected with ongoing School-to-Career programs, with a focus on paid work experience for youth.

### **JTPA Waivers**

#### Main Points

Bill Burke provided a synopsis of events related to the request for JTPA waivers:

- The California waivers package was approved by DOL for 1997/98 in late October with a proviso for a four percent increase in overall state performance with all SDAs participating in the waivers.
- The waivers were discussed with the SDA Advisory Committee on November 7, 1997, where it was decided that it was worth negotiating a counter proposal with DOL.

The Waivers Work Group proposed:

- A four percent improvement over 18 months for California;
- that SDAs should be allowed to choose their waivers; and
- that the State seek clarification on the actual means of measuring performance.

Keith Lee, speaking on behalf of the California Workforce Association, recommended continued negotiation and dialogue with the DOL. John Humphrey, DOL, Region IX, said DOL is committed to waivers, a cafeteria approach is okay, but complicated, and the maximum increase in state performance is five percent but that this could be adjusted if circumstances warranted.

#### Decisions/Conclusions

- A proposal will be provided to the SDAs for review once we get answers from DOL, and
- A work group meeting or conference call will be scheduled with Ray Uhalde and Jim Aaron to discuss waivers options and to seek clarification regarding the DOL proposed measurement methodology.

#### **Facilities Issues**

##### Main Points

Haven Bays, Operations Support Division and Chuck Horel, Business Operations Planning and Support Division (BOPSD), gave a presentation on "Partnership Planning and Negotiation" which describes the process and time lines for co-location of staff. They expressed their willingness to work with the SDAs on co-location of facilities issues and pledged that a BOPSD representative will meet on-site with the SDA directors within 30 days of the receipt of a completed development phase, including review by the EDD Division Chief. The JTPD will distribute copies of the Partnership Planning and Negotiation materials under separate cover.

#### **SB 645**

##### Main points

- Dean Smith, State Job Training Coordinating Council, introduced Dr. Richard Moore of Applied Management Planning Group who is the contractor for the SB 645 Report Card system. Dr. Moore is assisting in designing a database, populating the database and issuing a report by June 30, 1998, regarding customer and employer satisfaction with the JTPA program.
- Dr. Moore asked for input regarding the types of comparison which would be of most value to the SDAs.

#### Decisions/Conclusions

Focus group meetings will be arranged, with advance information provided to the SDAs for review.

The SDA Administrators' Quarterly meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.